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1. On 10 January 1949 and again in early February, Engineer Rotzenkopf (fmu), an Austrian businessman who travels frequently to Munich, Salzburg, and Vienna, was offering 200,000 SKF ball bearings, Nos. 6201, 6203, 6204, and 6205 on the Vienna market. Rotzenkopf explained that the bearings had been smuggled from Germany and were stored in Salzburg. The price which he asked for the lot was about 35% higher than the normal price for similar bearings produced by the Steyr plant.
2. In January, Rotzenkopf also offered 50,000 Bosch spark plugs at 11 schillings each and said that he could supply 50,000 spark plugs per week at this price. The spark plugs had been smuggled out of Germany and were stored in Salzburg.
3. In early February, Rotzenkopf was trying to obtain bids on 700 reconditioned American jeeps, which, he said, were then in transit from the United States to Trieste.
4. In early February, a representative of the Sued-Ost* firm in Vienna was offering 1,000 tons of Austrian newsprint at 3.40 schillings per kilogram, f.o.b. Bratislava. The newsprint had been shipped to Bratislava by UFA.
5. Also early in February, an Austrian named Burghardt (fmu) was negotiating with the manager of Interexport, a Yugoslav government-controlled firm with a branch office in Vienna, in an attempt to procure 100,000 liters of distilled alcohol, 96% pure. Burghardt said that within four months he would be in a position to place an order for 1,000,000 liters of this alcohol. It is believed that Burghardt represents a group which plans to sell the alcohol illegally in western Germany.

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Comment: Possibly Sued-Ost Expedition Ges.m.b.H., Schwarzenbergstrasse 1-3,
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